

CMS FORERUNNERS SOUTHEASTERNS CHAPTER

"The mission of this organization is fraternal, to represent the interests of all retirees; to expand and strengthen fellowship among its members; and to provide leadership, information, programs and social activities."



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The breakfast meeting was held on September 11, 2017. Members present were: C.J. and Margie Schwartz, Tony and Linda Homolka, Jerry Ridner, Marilyn McClain, Ralph Luft, Ken Pearsall, Eddie Weaver, Bill Conner, Floyd Martin, Neil Wagner, Terry and Jim Kominek, David Harvey, Kevin McCormick, Jeff Zenz, Charlie and Ethelyn Elkins, Darlene Collins, Harry Redford, Mark Fowler, Jim Abram, Henry Hinojosa, and Eddie Weaver.

The 50/50 raffle was won today by Floyd Martin.

Marilyn reported that the treasury has \$139.00. A \$25 gift certificate was donated to the Forerunners Annual Golf Outing.

CJ reported that there were 31 applicants for the Forerunners scholarship awards. There will be four \$800.00 awards that are funded by membership dues and two \$1000.00 scholarships from Richmond Brothers and Flynn Wealth Partners Scholarships. These will be presented at the Forerunners annual luncheon.

C.J has not been able to contact Forsite Development regarding the tear-down of the Whiting Plant. He will keep trying.

CMS has been installing "Smart meters" in our area. CJ reports that his monthly budget has dropped about \$20.

Linda Homolka told us that she and Tony will be attending the Annual Forerunners golf outing and luncheon on September 19 and 20.

CJ also let us know that Marty Goins passed away last month. His obituary is below.



Martin T. Goins Jr. (1949 - 2017)

Martin T. Goins, Jr. 67, of Monroe, passed away peacefully at 7:15 p.m. August 16 in his home after a lengthy illness. He was born October 7, 1949, graduated from Monroe H.S. in 1967, and served in the army during the Viet Nam war. He worked at the J.R. Whiting plant as a coal supply operator for 31 years, retiring in 2007. He leaves behind two children, Andrew and Tracie.

CJ announced that Marilyn McClain, who has been our Secretary / Treasurer for 27 years, is stepping down. She has many family commitments now and needs the time. We thanked Marilyn for her many years with a plaque presented by CJ. We will still see Marilyn at breakfast, however. In her words, "I'm not dying, just stepping down!"



We will take nominations for the position of Treasurer when we have election of officers in December. In the meantime, Linda H will take the responsibility.

In honor of this day, our resident artist, Jerry Ridner displayed his painting of the plant done after the 9/11 attack. The flag at the plant was flying at half-mast.



The next meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Bedford Diner.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Homolka

FORERUNNERS Member Application

Date _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Spouse First Name _____ Spouse Retiree? _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Date Retired _____

Headquarters Retired From: J.R. Whiting

Forerunners Chapter _____ South Easterners _____

Email address _____

Alternate Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Alternate address: Winter ____ Summer ____

Forerunners Dues \$10/year plus any Chapter dues: Attached Yes ____ No ____

Note: We are always searching for more efficient and timely methods of communicating with our members. Electronic communications are very helpful in this regard. Your e-mail address may be used to send information of interest to retirees by the Forerunners, for example, notification that the Retireeline has been posted on the retirees' website, important issues concerning the company, etc. Your address, of course, will NOT be shared outside of the Forerunners office.

By giving us your e-mail address, you are agreeing to receive information from us via e-mail.

Please complete and mail to:

Consumers Energy Forerunners, 1945 Parnall Road P21-504, Jackson, MI 49201. If you have any questions, please call us at 517-788-1221.

